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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): **Lee M. Nicholson, Wei-Tsu Tseng, and Christy S. Tyberg**

For: **IMPROVED CHEMICAL PLANARIZATION PERFORMANCE FOR
COPPER/LOW-K INTERCONNECT STRUCTURES**

Enclosed are:

- XXX Specification (26 pps.) consisting of: Description (18 pps); Claims (7 pps); Abstract (1 pp.);
- XXX Four (4) sheets of drawings (Figures 1 through 4);
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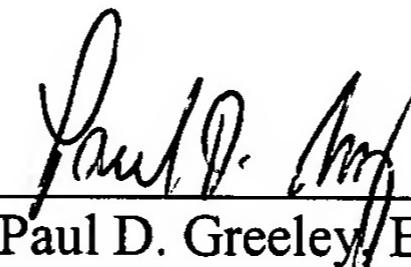
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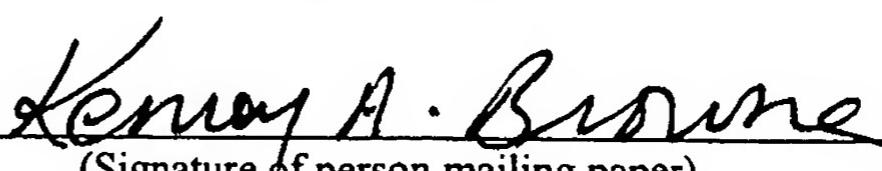


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